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# Harrison County Down the Ages

Pioneer Settlers and Their Descendants  
Traced from Prior to 1778 to Year of 1928,  
In Complete Historical Succession

Leaders in All Lines of Useful Endeavor in  
Several States Are Descended from an  
Early Harrison County Family

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Hereditary Member of the Society of Colonial Wars, 1620-1775,  
in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and in the States of Tennessee  
and Illinois.

Member of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of West Virginia.

Member of Clarksburg Camp, No. 4, Sons of Union Veterans, U. S. A.

Member of the Lancaster County, Pa., Historical Society.

Member of the American Crime Study Commission.

A people that take no pride in the noble achievements of re-  
mote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remem-  
bered with pride by remote generations.—Macaulay (1800-1859).

## Pride in Blood We Inherit

It is wise for us to recur to the history of our ancestors. Those  
who have no regard for such history, and for their posterity, those who  
do not look upon themselves as a link connecting the past with the  
future by the transmission of life and family name, do not perform  
their duty to the world. To be faithful to ourselves, we must keep  
both our ancestors and their posterity in our thoughts and affections;  
living in the memory and retrospect of the past and caring with af-  
fection for those who are to come after us. We are true to ourselves  
only when we feel a becoming pride in the blood we inherit, and which  
we are to transmit to those who shall fill our places.—Daniel Webster  
(1782-1852).

## A Pleasant Surprise

This narrative will come as a pleasant surprise to all whom it  
names.

Some of Harrison County's pioneer sons and daughters  
erected, prior to February 20, 1778, cabin homes in the vast  
wilderness called western Virginia, in the fertile territory included in  
Harrison County, then Virginia, now West Virginia, upon its creation  
from a part of Monongalia county, June 4, 1784.

Hundreds of their descendants are with us yet, working and wor-  
shipping together in Clarksburg and elsewhere without knowledge of a  
common ancestor who was born in Berks County, Pa., in 1740, and died  
in Harrison County, then Virginia, July 10, 1830, and whose sixth child  
was born in territory now Harrison County, Friday, February 20, 1778,  
between 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning.

## Migration to Great Northwest Territory

That part of the great Northwest territory, now embraced in the  
County of Clermont, State of Ohio, was the scene of the early struggles  
and pioneer hardships of many men and women who became illustrious  
citizens of national fame.

## Pioneer Cabin Homes

Clermont is a county rich in wild, sweet romance, full of the pic-  
turesqueness of the old pioneer life and possessing a certain individual-  
ity of beauty unequalled by any other locality in the Ohio valley.

The first dwellings were built of round logs, hewn from the trees of  
the primeval forests; but occasionally a settler constructed a palatial  
residence by hewing the logs on the outside. The spaces between the  
logs were filled with split sticks and clay. The furniture was simple  
and easily inventoried. The clothing was of domestic manufacture, and  
these early settlers were clad in home-spun and home-made linen and  
woolen garments. They subsisted mainly upon corn-bread and wild  
game, both of which were plentiful. During and after harvest time,  
there were many social gatherings at the different farms, to which  
neighbors came from miles around. At these frolics "hoe-down" and  
"double-shuffle" dances were as popular with the girls and boys as are  
the "blues" to the youth of today.

## Rev. Isaac Morris, Revolutionary Soldier

This narrative relates something of the activities of the Rev. Isaac  
Morris (1740-1830), a faithful Revolutionary soldier (1777-1783), in  
the Virginia line, chaplain of his regiment, and a Baptist minister for  
sixty years; and those of his loyal wife, Ruth Henton Morris, (1752-  
1839), to whom he was married April 11, 1766, in Pennsylvania. It is  
the object of this writer to restore to greener memory these revered  
forebears and their patriotic children, twelve in number, the first five  
of them born in Berks County, Pa., and the remaining seven in Har-  
rison County, then Virginia, now West Virginia, where the family was  
kept intact until the close of the year 1794. Each of these twelve chil-  
dren, nine sons and three daughters, was taught by their mother to read  
and write before they had reached the age of six years.

## Senator Thomas Morris

Thomas Morris, born Wednesday, January 3, between 8 and 9  
o'clock in the morning, 1776, was the fifth child of this Revolutionary  
soldier and soon after the birth of Thomas, his parents moved to the  
wilds of western Virginia and settled in Harrison County, near Clarks-  
burg.

In 1795, Thomas Morris, fifth child of Ruth Henton Morris and the  
Rev. Isaac Morris, the Revolutionary soldier, the record of whose des-  
cendants will follow, a young and enterprising adventurer, then 19  
years of age, from the wilds of Harrison County, Va., migrated to  
Columbia, then just above what is now Cincinnati, Ohio, in Hamilton  
County, Great Northwest Territory.

## To the Golden West

The migration of Thomas Morris in 1795 was soon followed by that  
of three of his brothers, John, David and Benjamin, and two of his sis-  
ters, Hester (Esther), and Hannah Morris, all of them coming from  
Harrison County, Virginia, to settle finally in territory included in  
Clermont County, O. Thus six of the twelve children of the Rev-  
olutionary soldier cast their lot in Hamilton and Clermont Counties,  
Ohio, between 1795 and the date of the creation of Clermont County,  
December 6, 1800, while the other six children chose to remain in Har-  
rison County, then Virginia.

## James J. Smith, Senior

The great great grandparents of the author of this historical  
sketch were James J. Smith, Sr., and his wife, Hester (Esther) Morris  
Smith, to whom he was married in 1797. This was the same Hester  
(Esther) Morris who was born in Berks County, Pa., Monday, May  
27, 1771, between 6 and 7 o'clock in the afternoon. She removed with  
her parents to Harrison County soon after 1776, and settled in 1797 in  
that part of the unorganized Northwest Territory now included in Cler-  
mont County, Ohio. They built a log cabin at the south side of the pres-  
ent town of Bethel, Ohio, where their first child, (the author's  
great grandmother, Ruth Henton Smith), was born May 31, 1798.

## Sister of Senator Thomas Morris

James J. Smith, Sr., died in Clermont County, Ohio, in 1809, and his  
widow, Hester (Esther) Morris Smith, (called "Hettie") remained in

Clermont County until circa 1835, when she removed to Brown County,  
Ohio, and died in Scott Township, near New Hope, Brown  
County, Ohio, July 28, 1854. She was buried and sleeps in a  
cemetery one-half mile to the north of and above New Hope. She was

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# Financial Chemistry Down the Ages

The history of financial chemistry is a complex and fascinating one, spanning centuries and continents. From the early days of alchemy to the modern era of quantum chemistry, the field has evolved significantly. This article explores the key milestones and figures in the history of financial chemistry, from the ancient Greeks to the modern-day scientists.

The ancient Greeks, including Aristotle and Plato, were among the first to explore the concept of the four elements (earth, air, fire, and water) and their interactions. This laid the foundation for the study of matter and its properties. In the Middle Ages, the concept of alchemy was popularized, with figures like Paracelsus and Robert Boyle making significant contributions to the field. Boyle's work on the relationship between pressure and volume of gases was a major breakthrough in the study of matter.

The 18th and 19th centuries saw the rise of modern chemistry, with figures like Antoine Lavoisier and John Dalton making significant contributions. Lavoisier's work on the conservation of mass and Dalton's atomic theory were major milestones in the field. The discovery of the periodic table of elements by Dmitri Mendeleev in 1869 was another major breakthrough, providing a systematic way to organize and understand the properties of elements.

The 20th century saw the development of quantum chemistry, which combines the principles of quantum mechanics with chemistry. This field has led to the discovery of new materials and the development of advanced technologies. Key figures in quantum chemistry include Erwin Schrödinger, Werner Heisenberg, and Paul Dirac. Their work has revolutionized our understanding of the behavior of matter at the atomic and subatomic level.

a daughter of the Rev. Isaac Morris, (1740-1830), the Revolutionary soldier, whose personal record and that of his descendants are given in this narrative, and she was a sister of the Hon. Thomas Morris (1776-1814), United States senator from Ohio (1833-1839), heretofore named.

#### Ruth Henton Smith Patton

Ruth Henton Smith, born May 31, 1798, married in Clarksburg, Harrison County, then Virginia, July 19, 1814, Col. Alexander Lewis Patton, and commenced housekeeping in 1814 in a well-constructed log cabin on Duck Creek, near West Milford, Harrison County, then Virginia, which is now (June 30, 1928) in a fairly good state of preservation, but unoccupied.

#### Morris-Davis Line

The Rev. Isaac Morris, the distinguished Revolutionary soldier, was the eldest child of John Morris, a large land owner of Berks County, Pa., who married circa 1739 a sister of John Davis, of Cumru Township, Berks County, Pa., and who died in Berks County, Pa., between March 22 and July 22, 1765, leaving a will and naming each of his children therein. The Rev. Isaac Morris was born in Berks County, Pa., in 1740, and died July 10, 1830 on Hoglick run, in Harrison County, then Virginia, now West Virginia, where he and his family had settled soon after the birth of his fifth son, Thomas Morris, January 3, 1776; he married in Pennsylvania April 11, 1766, Miss Ruth Henton, who was born in what is now Rockingham County, Va., in 1750, and who died on Hoglick run, a tributary of Booth's Creek, in Harrison County, then Virginia, between March 13 and September 16, 1839. She was a daughter of William and Mary Henton, formerly from Berks County, Pa.

#### Married in Pennsylvania

The church record of the marriage of the Rev. Isaac Morris and Ruth Henton is on file in the archives of St. James Episcopal church, Lancaster, Pa., the Rev. Thomas Barton officiating.

#### Authorized to Celebrate Marriage Rites, 1798

At a meeting of the Harrison County, Va., court held at Clarksburg, April 18, 1798, the following order was entered:

"Isaac Morris a minister of the Gospel and Benjamin Wilson and Maxwell Armstrong came into court and asked bond to present to the Governor (James Monroe, 1758-1831), to enable the said Mr. Morris to celebrate marriages agreeable to the act of assembly."

#### New Salem and West Fork River Baptist Churches

The Rev. Isaac Morris and "Deacon" Ephraim Maxson were appointed June 28, 1793, to represent the New Salem church at the organization of the West Fork River Baptist Church in Harrison County, then Virginia. The new church was erected at or near the mouth of Lambert's run, six or eight miles north of Clarksburg, a short distance south of the junction of Tennile creek with the West Fork river, and less than twenty miles from what was then New Salem, now Salem, W. Va.

The New Salem church May 11, 1794, gave a letter of recommendation to the Rev. Mr. Morris to join the West Fork River church, which flourished for several years.

#### The Rev. John Denham

The Rev. John Denham was the able pastor of the New Salem church from 1801 until 1805.

The Rev. Isaac Morris succeeded Mr. Denham and was pastor from 1805 until 1809. The church voted November 24, 1811, to request the Rev. Hamilton Goss to preach for them once a month.

The Rev. Isaac Morris married scores of couples in Harrison County, Va.

#### Received Military Land Warrant, 1784

For faithful service in the Revolutionary war the Rev. Isaac Morris received January 3, 1784, military warrant No. 2217 for 200 acres of land in the military district of the Ohio country, now state of Ohio.

The order reads:

"Council Chamber, Richmond, Jan. 3, 1784.

I do hereby certify that Isaac Morris is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a soldier of the continental line who served three years, and was enlisted for the war.

Signed: BENJAMIN HARRISON (1740-1791).  
THOS. MERIWEATHER."

#### Acquires 1,170 Acres of Land, 1784 to 1826

The Rev. Isaac Morris acquired from Jan. 3, 1784, to May 11, 1826, 1,170 acres of land in territory now included in Monongalia, Marion, Taylor and Harrison counties, W. Va., including the 200-acre tract in the Ohio country, as follows:

In June, 1791, he acquired 392 acres on Mudlick run, Monongalia County, Va. Other land acquisitions were:

July 17, 1797, 150 acres on Brushy fork, Harrison County, Va.

In 1799, 100 acres on the waters of Simpson creek, Harrison County, Va.

November 19, 1799, 12 acres on Elk creek, Harrison County, Va.

February 17, 1806, 131 acres on Buffalo Lick run, Harrison County, Va.

April 10, 1812, 52 acres on the waters of Booth's creek, Harrison County, Va.

January 20, 1821, 87 acres on the waters of Booth's creek, Harrison County, Va.

December 16, 1824, 16 acres on Booth's creek, Harrison County, Va.

May 11, 1826, he acquired by purchase 30 acres on Booth's creek, Harrison County, then Virginia, now West Virginia.

#### Children of John Morris, of Berks County, Pa.

The brothers and sisters of the Rev. Isaac Morris were Ezekiel, Daniel, John, Abel, Mary and Rachel Morris. Of these children Ezekiel married Mary Linvel; John married Mary Lewis, and Rachel married John Ludwig. The facts concerning the other children have not yet been ascertained, but a search now under way will reveal data relating to them.

#### Children of the Rev. Isaac Morris and Ruth Henton Morris

The Rev. Isaac Morris and Ruth Henton Morris were the parents of nine sons and three daughters, each of whom married and left descendants; the original written record of the name and date of birth of each of these twelve children is in possession of the author of this narrative. It is perfectly preserved in the seventh edition of a book published in 1769 being a reprint of the same book which was first published November 15, 1682, called "Durham on Isaiah," prepared by that able minister of the New Testament, Mr. James Durham, sometime minister of the gospel at Glasgow, Scotland. A further title of the book follows: "Christ Crucified or the Marrow of the Gospel, Evidently Holden Forth in Seventy-two Sermons on the Whole Fifty-third Chapter of Isaiah."

#### Original Birth Records

In the back of this book, the Rev. Isaac Morris, who married April 11, 1766, Miss Ruth Henton, recorded as born the name and date of birth of each of the children born to this union as follows:

- (1) John Morris, born in Berks, Co., Pa., Tuesday the 14th of April at 2 o'clock in the morning,  
A. D. 1767.
- (2) David Morris, born in Berks Co., Pa., Easter Sunday the 26th day of March at noon,  
1769.
- (3) Hester (Esther) Morris, born in Berks Co., Pa., Monday the 27th day of May between 6 and 7 o'clock in the afternoon,  
1771.
- (4) Isaac Morris, born in Berks Co., Pa., Monday the 26th day of July between 8 and 9 o'clock in the afternoon,  
1773.
- (5) Thomas Morris, born in Berks Co., Pa., Wednesday the 3rd day of January between 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning,  
1776.
- (6) Daniel Morris, born in Harrison Co., Va., Friday the twentieth day of February between 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning,  
1778.
- (7) Hannah Morris, born in Harrison Co., Va., Thursday the 18th day of May between 6 and 7 o'clock in the afternoon,  
A. D. 1780.
- (8) Mary Morris, born in Harrison Co., Va., Friday the 8th day of March in the afternoon,  
A. D. 1782.
- (9) Joseph Morris, born in Harrison County, Va., Sunday the 18th day of January in the morning,  
A. D. 1784.
- (10) Benjamin Morris, born in Harrison Co., Va., Tuesday, October 19, between 12 and 1 o'clock in the morning,  
A. D. 1785.  
One still-born October 19, 1788, in Harrison Co., Va.
- (11) Samuel Henton Morris, born in Harrison Co., Va., Friday September 11th between 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning,  
A. D. 1789.
- (12) James Morris, born in Harrison Co., Va., Friday December 11 between 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning,  
A. D. 1790.





The children listed above under numbers 6, 7, 8 and 9 were born in Monongalia County, Va., in that part which became Harrison County, Va., upon the latter's formation, June 4, 1784.

Judge John Morris

(1) John Morris, born near Reading, Berks County, Pa., Tuesday, the 14th of April, at 2 o'clock in the morning, A. D. 1767, removed from Harrison County, Virginia, to Columbia, in what is now Hamilton County, O., prior to 1800, where his brother, Thomas, had settled in 1795. In 1800, he came from Columbia to a farm two miles south of Bethel, Clermont County, O., on which he lived until his death, October 5, 1855. On February 14, 1809, he was appointed associate judge and served until 1810. He was one of the trustees of Tate Township, Clermont County, in 1815 and 1816. Judge Morris married Miss Hannah Cook, and three sons and three daughters were born to this union, among whose descendants are Miss Elizabeth S. Attee, Mrs. Maud B. Waters, and Mrs. Clara Ellsberry Huggins.

Dr. David Morris

(2) David Morris, born Easter Sunday, the 26th day of March, at noon, 1769, near Reading, Berks County, Pa., died near Lebanon, Warren County, O., in 1850; he had migrated from Harrison County, Va., to Clermont County, O., prior to 1800. He was considered an able man. He practiced medicine in and near Lebanon, O., from 1805, and was representative in the Ninth and Tenth General Assembly of Ohio in 1810 and 1811, from Warren County. His children were: Cephas; Sylvan; Bethewel; Daniel; Thaddeus Dodd; Lavina; and Sarah Morris. Dr. David Morris first settled in 1805 about two miles northwest of Lebanon, O.; in 1816, he moved into Lebanon and continued the practice of medicine; in 1818, he moved to Brookville, Ind., where he remained one year. Returning to Lebanon, he renewed his practice there.

In 1832, he moved to a farm two and one-half miles west of Lebanon, where he died, aged 81 years. He was among the physicians of Warren County, O., who were taxed on their income in 1830. The Ohio Legislature passed various acts to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery. The state was divided into districts and censors were appointed in each district with authority to grant licenses to practice medicine and surgery. In 1812, Dr. David Morris was appointed censor for his district; in 1824, Dr. Morris was named a member of the Third Medical Society of Ohio, with authority to grant licenses to practice medicine in Warren and Greene Counties, O.

Removed from Harrison County in 1797

(3) Hester (Esther) Morris, called "Hettie," born Monday, the 27th day of May, between 6 and 7 o'clock in the afternoon, 1771, in Berks County, Pa., died in Scott Township, near New Hope, Brown County, O., July 28, 1854; she was married in 1797 to James J. Smith, Sr., who died in Clermont County, O., in 1809, where he and his wife had settled in 1797, she from Harrison County, Va., and he from Pennsylvania.

Dr. Thompson's Recollections

Dr. W. E. Thompson of Bethel, Clermont County, O., born at Bethel, O., July 6, 1835, in a recent letter addressed to the author of this historical narrative, recalled the following facts: "The log house at the south side of Bethel, O., was almost rotted down when I was a small boy, but the hollyhocks and rose bushes which my mother often told me Hester (Esther) 'Hettie' had planted, still grew around the old Hester (Esther) Morris Smith cabin."

Mentally Active at 93

Dr. Thompson's father, William Thompson, was born in 1796, and died in 1840; his (Dr. Thompson's) mother, Sarah Thompson, was born in 1797, and died in 1890. Both were revered citizens of Clermont County. Dr. Thompson has been a resident of Bethel, O., since the date of his birth there July 6, 1835, possesses a fine mind which age has not rendered less active or accurate, and is a most obliging and well-informed man.

Dr. Thompson remembers Senator Thomas Morris, who died December 7, 1844, brother of Hester (Esther) Morris Smith, widow of James J. Smith, Sr., above mentioned, and is the only living man who ever saw Senator Morris.

Endowed with Leadership

Hester (Esther), called "Hettie," Morris Smith, removed from Clermont County, O., where she and her husband had settled in 1797, to Brown County, O., in 1835. She was of a very fearless nature, thrifty and energetic and endowed with leadership.

Highland-Morris-Patton-Smith Ancestry

Born to the union of James J. Smith, Sr., and Hester (Esther) called "Hettie," Morris Smith, his wife, were five children, namely: Ruth Henton Smith; James J. Smith, Jr.; David Morris Smith; Isaac Henton Smith; and probably Phoebe Smith, whose records follow:

Ruth Henton Smith

1. Ruth Henton Smith, born in that part of the unorganized Northwest Territory that is now included in Clermont County, O., near the town of Bethel, May 31, 1798, died on Duck Creek, near West Milford, Harrison County, then Virginia, now West Virginia, August 7, 1848. She was married in Clarksburg, then Virginia, now West Virginia, July 19, 1814, to Col. Alexander Lewis Patton, county court justice, farmer and stockman, who was born in Colerain Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, July 23, 1789, and who died near West Milford, W. Va., May 21, 1866. They were the parents of eleven children.

William Patton

Col. Patton was a son of William Patton (1761-1828), school teacher, farmer and stockman, a Revolutionary soldier (1780-1781) from Pennsylvania, and Susanna Lewis Patton (1761-1828) of Chester County, Pa., who were married in 1786 and settled on Duck Creek, near West Milford, Harrison County, then Virginia, circa 1800, becoming the parents of nine children. The two-story log cabin then erected is now (June 30, 1928) still occupied by two of William Patton's granddaughters, namely: Timanda Elizabeth Patton, and Sarah Indiana Patton, aged 80 and 82 years, their eldest sister, Miss Kesiah Patton, 93, having died June 14, 1925.

The descendants of Col. Alexander Lewis Patton and Ruth Henton Smith Patton are numerous and include the following:

The Jewel of Children

Mrs. Lucinda Earle Patton Highland, the jewel, who now (1928) resides at West Milford, W. Va., daughter of Attorney Ebenezer Wilson Patton, county court justice, merchant, civil engineer, (1822-1879) and Sarah Ann Carter Patton (1826-1854), who were married at Clarksburg, Va., July 6, 1847, and granddaughter of Col. Alexander Lewis Patton, (1789-1866), who married July 19, 1814, Miss Ruth Henton Smith, (1798-1848).

Lucinda Earle Patton

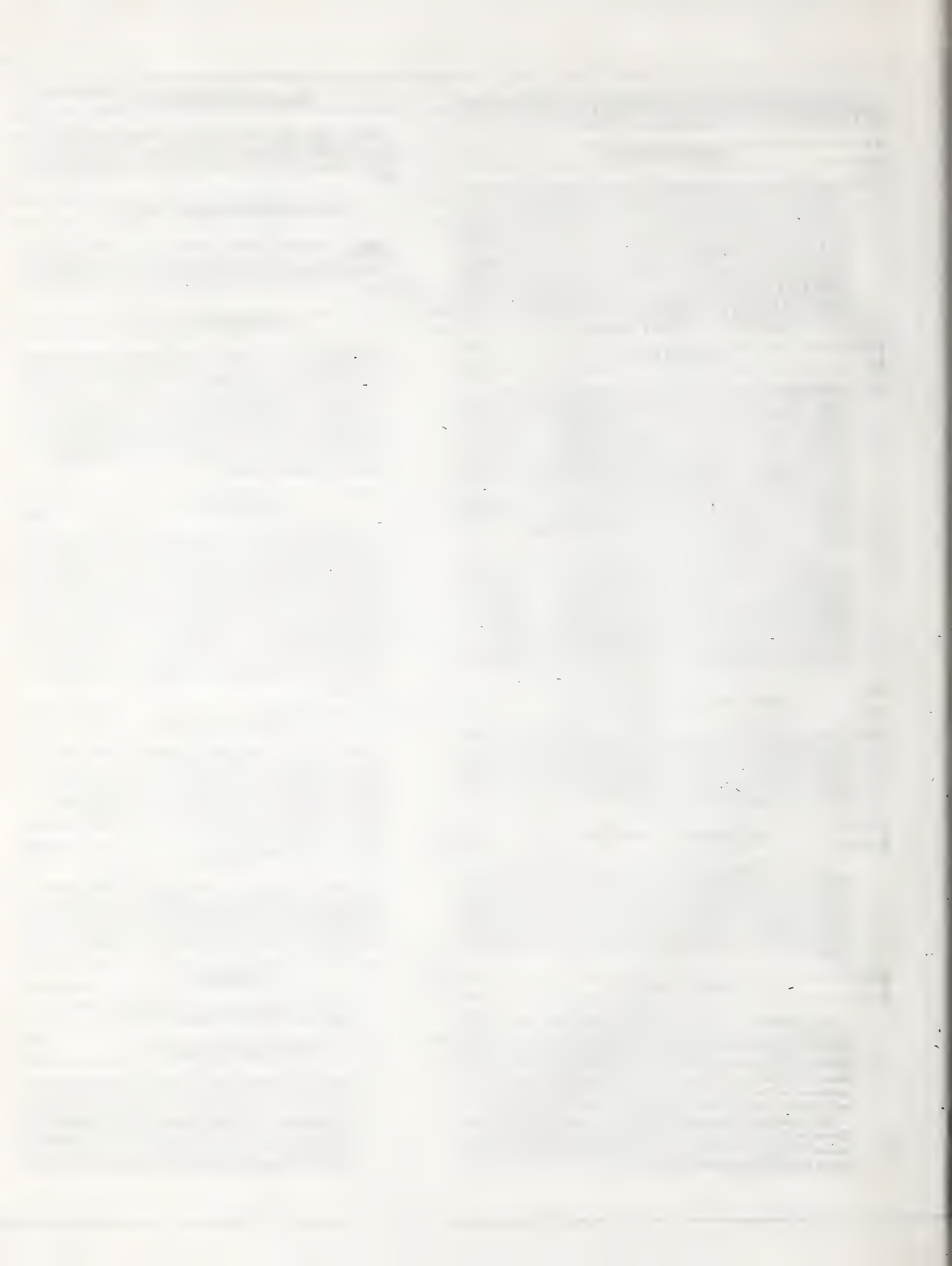
Lucinda Earle Patton was born at West Milford, Harrison County, then Virginia, April 3, 1851, at 7:30 o'clock A. M. On January 25, 1867, she was united in marriage with Capt. John Edgar Highland, (1832-1903), school teacher, merchant, farmer and Union Civil War veteran, to which union the following six children were born in Harrison County, W. Va.:

Merchant

I. Charles Bruce Highland, born October 31, 1868; merchant and investor, Fairmont, W. Va.

President Empire National Bank

II. Virgil Lee Highland, born August 31, 1870; he is president of The Empire National Bank of Clarksburg, which he was instrumental in organizing in 1903, at Clarksburg, W. Va., with resources (1928) of more than \$7,000,000; owner of the Clarksburg Daily Telegram; investor, and long associated with the development of the natural resources of the Upper Monongahela Valley.



### Merchant

- III. Franklin Earle Highland, born April 29, 1872; he is head of the Highland Brothers & Gore retail shoe house, Clarksburg, W. Va.
- IV. Isophene Highland Tetrick, born November 18, 1874; wife of Emory Ellis Tetrick, Fairmont, W. Va.

### State Senator

- V. Senator Cecil Blaine Highland, born November 2, 1876; investments, realty, coal, oil and gas interests; New Martinsville, and Clarksburg, W. Va., and

### General Manager Clarksburg Water Board

- VI. Scotland G. Highland, born August 7, 1879, at the Highland homestead, near West Milford, Harrison County, W. Va., known in 1785 as the "Indian Camping Place." He is general manager of the Clarksburg, W. Va., water plant and system. He is an historian and author of numerous technical papers; and a contributor to the newspapers and technical press.

Other widely known descendants of Colonel Alexander Lewis Patton and Ruth Henton Smith Patton follow:

- March L. Pritchard, member of the Water Board, Clarksburg, W. Va.  
The late Luther Morris Patton, merchant, Clarksburg, W. Va.  
Charles Lewis Patton, merchant, Clarksburg, W. Va.

### Captain Melvin Greene Sperry

Captain Melvin Greene Sperry, born January 26, 1866, a prominent lawyer and business man of Clarksburg, W. Va., and a cousin of Elmer A. Sperry, world-famous inventor, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Clarence Burdette Sperry, born October 10, 1869, a member of the firm of Sperry & Sperry, widely known attorneys, Clarksburg, W. Va.

Prof. Clifford R. Snider, of the law faculty of the West Virginia University, at Morgantown, nephew of the Hon. Millard F. Snider.

### The Rev. Arthur Wirt Lowther

The Rev. Arthur Wirt Lowther, born on Duck Creek, near West Milford, Harrison County, W. Va., June 30, 1867, a minister since 1890, and a nationally known lecturer.

### Pioneer Newspaper Man

2. James J. Smith, Jr., born in what at that time was called "Tinkey Bottoms," in Hamilton County, O., September 8, 1803, died near New Hope, Scott Township, Brown County, O., November 8, 1882; he married September 16, 1835, Miss Roanna Wood, and lived in Clermont County until 1835, when he removed to Brown County, O., where he was elected auditor in 1840, and re-elected in 1842, and identified with the pioneer development of Clermont and Brown Counties, O. He left descendants. Mr. Smith and Thomas L. Hamer owned and conducted (1824-1825) the Benefactor, a weekly newspaper published at Georgetown, O., 104 years ago.

### General Thomas L. Hamer

Thomas L. Hamer was a lawyer, member of Congress from Ohio, 1833-1839, and died December 2, 1846, near Monterey, Mexico, having been appointed in 1846 a general in the war with Mexico by President James K. Polk. General Hamer was born in Northumberland County, Pa., in July, 1800. James J. Smith, Jr., above mentioned, at the age of 10 years, was placed in the office of the Western American, a paper published by his uncle, Senator Thomas Morris, at Williamsburg, Clermont County, O., in 1813. In 1828, he operated with Samuel Medary in the management of the Ohio Sun, established by Samuel Medary and Mr. Smith's uncle, Thomas Morris, in 1823, and printed at Bethel, Clermont County, O. After being published at Bethel for about a year, it was removed to Batavia, O., where the paper is now (1928) published as the Clermont Sun.

### Took Sixth Census, 1840

Mr. Smith was several times chosen a justice of the peace of Brown County, O.; he was commissioned by Governor Robert Lucas of Ohio, as coroner, in 1836, and was appointed by John Patterson, United States marshal, to take the Sixth Census of Brown County in 1840. He filled nearly every office in Scott township, Brown County, O. Mr. Smith, accompanied by his cousin, a son of Dr. David Morris, (1769-1850), of Warren County, O., visited at the home of his sister, Ruth Henton Smith Patton, wife of Col. Alexander Lewis Patton, near West Milford, Harrison County, then Virginia, now West Virginia, prior to 1848.

### Established by Harrison County Boy, 1828

The Clermont Sun, Batavia, Clermont County, O., was founded in 1828 by Thomas Morris, later federal senator, a former Harrison County boy, and a son of the Rev. Isaac Morris, a Revolutionary soldier.

The centenary edition of that old newspaper will issue July 18, 1928, and acting upon the request of the editor of the Clermont Sun, the author of this narrative has arranged for its reproduction in the centenary edition.

### Brown and Clermont County Pioneers

3. David Morris Smith, born November 25, 1804, died in Brown County, O., October 22, 1843; he married in 1830 Miss Rhoda C. Allen, who was born May 27, 1810, and died January 2, 1855, in Brown County, O. She was a daughter of Jacob Allen, born October 15, 1785, who died December 6, 1877, and Nancy A. Allen, who was born March 12, 1785, and died September 5, 1829, leaving descendants in Clermont and Brown Counties, O., and elsewhere. Among them are: Mrs. Maud R. Stephen, of Georgetown, Brown County, O., who has furnished the author with valued facts, and Robert L. Sams, of Brown County.

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### Isaac Henton Smith

4. Isaac Henton Smith, born January 20, 1807, died at Bethel, Clermont County, O., September 20, 1888; he married Miss Eliza Jones, and left descendants living in Clermont and Brown counties, and in other parts of Ohio. Eliza Jones Smith, his wife, was born in 1809, and died May 21-24, 1888, leaving descendants among whom is Clinton R. Day, whose wife has furnished important data concerning the family.
5. Phoebe Smith (probably) concerning whom the facts are yet lacking.

### Attorney Isaac Morris, Jr.

- (4) Isaac Morris, Jr., was born Monday, the 26th day of July, between 8 and 9 o'clock in the afternoon, 1773, and died in Parkersburg, W. Va., September 5, 1861; he was a distinguished lawyer, politician, and preacher; he married Miss Mary Wolfe; served in the Virginia Legislature from Wood County, from December 7, 1818, to February 23, 1823; from November 2, 1824, to March 9, 1826; and from December 5, 1831, to March 21, 1832. He was admitted to the bar in Randolph County, then Virginia, in 1802, and qualified as an attorney at Clarksburg, then Virginia, May 18, 1812, before the Superior Court of Chancery.

### Senator Thomas Morris of Ohio

- (5) Thomas Morris, born Wednesday, the 3rd day of January, between 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, 1776, in Berks County, Pa., died at the Morris homestead farm about five miles west of Bethel, Clermont County, O., December 7, 1844. He settled in Columbia, then just above Cincinnati, O., in what is now Hamilton County, O., in 1795; became a clerk in a store at Columbia owned by the Rev. John Smith, then a Baptist minister and afterwards the first United States senator from Ohio, serving from April 1, 1803, to April 25, 1808, and died in Hamilton County, O., June 10, 1816; Thomas Morris was married November 19, 1797, to Miss Rachel Davis, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Davis. She died in Clermont County, O., January 16, 1853, aged 74 years. The children born to this union were: Jonathan David Morris (1798-1875); Thomas J. Morris; the Rev. Benjamin Franklin Morris; Isaac Newton Morris; Lucien B. Morris; Lydia Morris; Julia Morris; Amanda Morris; Sydney Morris (girl); Rachel Morris; and Viola Morris, eleven children in all.

EXAMPLE

### Legislator for Sixteen Years

The Hon. Thomas Morris (1776-1844), above named, settled in what is now Clermont County, O., prior to December 6, 1800, first locating at Williamsburg, Clermont County, but removing to Bethel, Clermont County, O., in 1804. He was the first resident attorney in Clermont County, O., being admitted to practice in 1804; he was elected a state representative from Clermont County, O., in 1806. He served in the lower house of the General Assembly of Ohio, four terms of one year each, and in the State Senate six terms of two years each. The aggregate of his services in both houses, from 1806 to 1832, was sixteen years. In 1809, he was elected a judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio, but due to subsequent legislation, he never qualified for the position.

### Nominee for Vice-President, 1843

Mr. Morris was elected United States senator from Ohio, serving from March 4, 1833, to March 3, 1839; in the federal senate he was the associate of Clay, Webster, and Calhoun, and was the nominee of the Liberal party, for vice president of the United States on the ticket with J. G. Birney, August 30, 1843. He was one of the foremost lawyers of his time; Senator Morris's debate in the federal Senate February 9, 1839, with Henry Clay and John C. Calhoun and other noted senators of that day won for him national fame as a fearless champion of human liberty.

### Salmon P. Chase's Tribute

"His memory should be kept freshly living among the lovers of liberty and progress," was the language of the Hon. Salmon P. Chase of Ohio, on hearing of the death of Senator Thomas Morris. Senator Morris aided in obtaining for Ulysses Simpson Grant, later president, who was born at Point Pleasant, Clermont County, O., April 27, 1822, his appointment as a cadet at West Point.

### The Rev. B. F. Morris

Two of Senator Morris's sons whose records follow, served in the federal Congress, one from Ohio, and the other from Illinois, and another son, the Rev. Benjamin Franklin Morris (1810-1867), became a noted Presbyterian minister and author of "The Life of Thomas Morris," 408 pages, 1856; "Christian Life and Character of the Civil Institutions of the United States," 831 pages, 1864; and "Memorial Record of the Nation's Tribute to Abraham Lincoln," 272 pages, 1865. The Rev. Mr. Morris was graduated from Miami University, Oxford, O., in 1832. He was eminent as a preacher and of fine literary taste.

### National Representatives

The records of Jonathan David Morris and Isaac Newton Morris, sons of Senator Thomas Morris, follow:

Jonathan David Morris, a representative from Ohio, was born in Columbia, Hamilton County, O., October 8, 1804, attended the public schools, studied law, was admitted to the bar, and commenced practice in Batavia, Clermont County, O. For twenty years he was clerk of the court of Clermont County, O.; was elected as a Democrat to the Thirtieth and Thirty-first Congresses (March 4, 1847, March 3, 1851); and died in Connersville, Indiana, May 16, 1875.

### Congressman from Illinois

Isaac Newton Morris was born January 22, 1812; and died October 29, 1879. He was born in Clermont County, O., and attended college at Miami University, Oxford O. He was admitted to the bar in 1835; was president of the Illinois and Michigan Canal Company in 1841; served as a member of Congress from March 4, 1857, to March 3, 1861; and was appointed by President Grant, commissioner for the Union Pacific Railroad in 1869.

### Death of Senator Morris

Senator Thomas Morris (1776-1844), died in Clermont County, O., and was buried there. In a neatly kept village cemetery of Bethel, Clermont County, O., called the "Old Town Cemetery," is an appropriate monument, bearing an inscription that modestly but eloquently testifies to the worth of a distinguished ser-

vant of the state and nation, whose life was an inspiration and whose devotion to principle entitles him to high rank in the galaxy of statesmen from Ohio, who have represented the state in the highest legislative body of the republic. The inscription reads:

### THOMAS MORRIS

Late United States Senator

Was Born Jan. 3, 1776.  
Died Dec. 7, 1844

Unawed by power and uninfluenced by flattery he was through life the fearless advocate of human liberty.

From the top of fame's ladder he stepped to the sky.

### Major Daniel Morris

- (6) Daniel Morris, born Friday, the 20th day of February, between 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning, 1778, in Harrison County, Va., married February 1, 1803, in Harrison County, then Virginia, Miss Barbara Sommerville, the Rev. George Towers officiating; member of the Virginia Legislature 1813-1814, and 1824-1825; county court justice of Harrison County, then Virginia; appointed coronet in the Eleventh Regiment of Virginia Cavalry for Harrison County, and took the oath of office April 20, 1801; appointed captain of the Third Regiment Harrison County, Va., Cavalry, August 18, 1808; commissioned major in the Third Division Twentieth Brigade, Eleventh Regiment, December 29, 1810, and served in the War of 1812. He left descendants.

Monongah, Marion County, W. Va., Mine Explosion,  
December 6, 1907

John, William and Cecil Morris were among those who lost their lives in the Monongah mine explosion, at 10:20 o'clock a. m., December 6, 1907, at Monongah, Marion County, W. Va. In that unavoidable disaster 365 splendid citizens were killed.

### Descendants of Revolutionary Soldier

John, William and Cecil Morris were sons of William Eyster Morris, born October 6, 1847; grandsons of the Rev. Daniel Smith Morris, born in Clarksburg, Va., April 29, 1811; Baptist minister, printer, editor and farmer; great grandsons of Major Daniel Morris, born in territory later included in Harrison County, Va., February 20, 1778; county court justice of Harrison County, Va., from April 22, 1807, to March 24, 1827; commissioner of revenue; deputy sheriff; lieutenant-colonel of Harrison county militia; and great-great grandsons of the Rev. Isaac Morris, a Revolutionary soldier, 1777-1783, and Ruth Henton Morris, who settled soon after 1776 in that part of Monongalia County, Va., later included in Harrison County upon its formation in 1784, but becoming a part of Marion County, Virginia, now West Virginia, when that county was created January 14, 1842, from parts of Monongalia and Harrison counties.

### Hannah Morris Beck

- (7) Hannah Morris, born in Harrison County, then Virginia, now West Virginia, Thursday, the 18th day of May, between 6 and 7 o'clock in the afternoon, A. D., 1780, died in Jefferson County, Ind., July 14, 1844. She was married in Clermont County, O., to Samuel Beck, November 17, 1805, John Morris, attorney and justice of the peace and a brother of the bride, officiating.

Hannah Morris Beck had removed from Harrison County, Va., to Clermont County, O., before 1800. Born to this union were: Dr. Isaac Morris Beck; Benjamin D. Beck; Dinah Ann Beck; Emily M. Beck; Ruth Henton Beck; Samuel N. Beck; (Polly) Mary Smith Beck; and Joseph M. Beck, the latter born in Clermont County, O., April 21, 1823, and dying in Fort Madison, Ia., May 30, 1893. He was married June 15, 1854, at Fort Madison, to Miss Clara C. Rinehart, who died at Fort Madison, Ia., June 5, 1885; two children survive, namely: Miss Vallie E. Beck, a cultured and refined woman, and Attorney William J. R. Beck, of Fort Madison, Ia., an able lawyer and business man.

### Judge Joseph M. Beck of Iowa

Judge Joseph M. Beck (1823-1893), above named, secured a thorough education at Hanover College, (non-sectarian, founded in 1832), at Hanover, Jefferson County, Ind.; was graduated from that institution in 1843, and began teaching as principal of the seminary at Vernon, Ind., where he remained for one year, and then removed to Kentucky, where he spent two years in teach-



ing. At Madison, Ind., he read law in the office of Miles C. Eggleston, distinguished at that time as an eminent jurist, and in 1846 was admitted to the bar. After teaching six months in Kentucky, he removed to Iowa, locating at Montrose, Lee County, in 1847, and there for two years practiced his profession.

Chosen as Mayor in 1852

In 1850 he removed to Fort Madison, Lee County, Ia., and in 1852, was elected prosecuting attorney of Lee County, Ia., and mayor of Fort Madison, Ia. He declined to be a candidate for the congressional nomination in 1854, although both nomination and election were practically assured.

Elected to the Supreme Court of Iowa

In 1867, Joseph M. Beck was elected to the supreme court of Iowa for a term of six years, renominated without a dissenting voice to the same office in 1873, and re-elected again in 1879, and 1885, making a term of service upon the supreme bench, from 1868 to 1892, of twenty-four years, a much longer period than any other has been a member of that body. During six years of that time he occupied the position of chief justice.

Resumes Law Practice

At the expiration of his fourth term he resumed the practice of his profession at Fort Madison, Ia., as senior member of the law firm of J. M. Beck and Son, which association continued from January 1, 1892, until Judge Beck's death at Fort Madison, Ia., on May 30, 1893, which date marked the passing of a universally esteemed and honored citizen.

Republican and a Baptist

In politics the judge was a strong Republican; in religion a Baptist; Judge Beck's decisions run through sixty-one volumes of Iowa Supreme Court Reports.

Judge Beck, with his son, possessed fine stock farms of about 760 acres near Fort Madison, Ia.

To Judge Beck more than to anyone else is Iowa indebted for her magnificent law library, one of the five largest and most complete in the United States, and assembled through his unflagging zeal. He was a man of recognized superior mind, ever liberal and always enterprising.

Among the grandchildren of Samuel Beck and Hannah Morris Beck, his wife, to whom he was married November 17, 1805, in Clermont County, O., are:

Vice-President National Bank of the Republic

Robert M. McKinney, vice-president of the National Bank of the Republic of Chicago, Ill., established in 1891, with assets at the close of business February 28, 1923, of \$136,763,538.79. The staff of this great financial institution numbers 700 and includes all classes of employees; Mr. McKinney is also a director of this giant institution and now (1928) one of its most active officers.

Nationally Known Fire Insurance Expert and Author

Albert Flandreau Dean, born July 30, 1842, lives at Evans-ton, Ill.; he was lieutenant of the First Iowa Cavalry in the Union service during the Civil war; western manager of the Springfield Fire & Marine Insurance Company, with which he was actively associated for forty-five years. Mr. Dean's great service to the insurance business was his development of the analytic system of rating, commonly known as the Dean Schedule. This adaptation of scientific principles to the measurement of fire hazards has had an incalculable influence upon the business, and justifies the statement that fire underwriting owes more to Mr. Dean than to any other one man of his time. In addition to his reputation as a scholar and a scientist, Mr. Dean has been a practical and successful underwriter, as the growth and standing of the Springfield in the West testifies, and is a brilliant conversationalist and a delightful story-teller.

Author of Famous Dean Schedule

Mr. Dean is the author of "The Philosophy of Fire Insurance," (3 vols. 953 pages), 1925; "Interest and Equation Exponents"; "The Rationale of Fire Insurance"; "Fire Rating as a Science"; "Standardization in Fire Insurance"; and "Sequential

Relations in Fire Rates"; besides many mathematical and scientific books, pamphlets and addresses. Mr. Dean has at least a score of publications to his credit, all written because of the demand and scope of the business and at the request of leading underwriting bodies. Mr. Dean is one of the best read men of his time and will celebrate on July 30, 1928, the eighty-sixth anniversary of his birth.

Mr. Dean is the author of the Analytic System for Measurement of Relative Fire Hazard and he is known personally or by reputation to every fire insurance underwriter in America.

Mr. Dean's books enrich the private libraries of several prominent Clarksburg underwriters among whom are:

The Dennison Company; The H. D. Talbott Company, Inc.; B. Frank Hornor, Inc.; and Alexander & Alexander, Inc.

A Flower of Harrison County

(8) Mary Morris, born in Harrison County, then Virginia, Friday, the 8th day of March, in the afternoon, A. D., 1782, died in Tyler County, W. Va., March 30, 1870. She married John Smith, contractor and builder, and left numerous descendants, among whom are:

Judge Birk S. Stathers

Judge Birk S. Stathers, born July 13, 1884, son of Dr. Walter E. Stathers, born June 6, 1848, judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit comprising Harrison and Lewis Counties, W. Va., in which circuit Clarksburg, W. Va., is located; captain of Infantry, World war.

Judge Stathers has two daughters, Mary Jeannette, born April 16, 1924, and Margaret Annette, born June 22, 1928.

Sidney Austin Smith

Sidney Austin Smith, president of the Morris Grocery Company, Clarksburg, W. Va.; a director of the Union National Bank.

C. Burke Morris, vice-president of the Morris Grocery Company, Clarksburg, W. Va.

Dr. James Russell Stathers; Dr. Frederick Russell Stathers; Silas Cliffert Stathers, geologist; the Hon. John Marshall Smith, born July 30, 1838, in Tyler County, W. Va., (living), member of the West Virginia legislature, 1913-1914, from Tyler County, W. Va.; he was in the Union service during the Civil war; his father, James Morris Smith, was a member of the First Wheeling Convention of Northwestern Virginia, at Wheeling, May 13, 1861.

Harrison County's Second Court House

The contract for the building of the second court house (on the site of the present structure) in Harrison County, then Virginia, was awarded to John Smith, contractor and builder, Daniel Morris, and Allison Clark, December 10, 1810. The new court house was ready for occupancy in the latter part of 1812, and court was held in it in 1813; the cost of this second temple of justice was \$3,700. John Smith, one of the contractors and builders of this structure, is mentioned above as having married Mary Morris, and Daniel Morris previously referred to as having married February 1, 1803, in Harrison County, then Virginia, Miss Barbara Sommerville.

The court house was a two-story brick building. The bell purchased in 1811 is preserved in Clarksburg, W. Va.

The Rev. Joseph Morris

(9) Joseph Morris, born in Harrison County, then Virginia, Sunday, the 18th day of January, in the morning, A. D., 1784, died in Harrison County, W. Va., July 29, 1863. He married in Harrison County, then Virginia, August 8, 1807, Miss Nancy Davisson, who was born at Bridgeport, Harrison County, then Virginia, April 22, 1792, and died in Harrison County, W. Va., February 16, 1867.

Baptist Minister

At the February, 1812, term of the County Court of Harrison County, Va., Joseph Morris, a Baptist minister, qualified before the county court to celebrate the rites of matrimony, and covering a period of half a century as a minister, he performed hundreds of marriage ceremonies.





### Senator Matthew Mansfield Neely

The descendants of the Rev. Joseph Morris are numerous and include the Hon. Matthew Mansfield Neely, of Fairmont, W. Va., born November 9, 1874, member of Congress from West Virginia, who served from March 4, 1913, to March 3, 1921; was elected to the United States Senate in 1922, serving from March 4, 1923, for a term of six years, which expires March 3, 1929; and was renominated by the Democratic party as federal senator at the May, 1928, primary election in West Virginia.

Mrs. Mary Morris Neely, widow of Dr. Alfred Newlon Neely.

Mrs. Dagmar Neely Keyser, of Belington, W. Va.

Mrs. Julia Delmonde Jones, of Belington, W. Va.

Franklin Morris, farmer and stockman, Clendenin, W. Va.

Miss Alice A. Kelley, principal of the high school, Buckhannon, W. Va.

Miss Rose Altha Morris, teacher at Atlantic, Ia.

McClellan B. Morris, attorney, Glenville, W. Va.

Mrs. Phoebe Ellen McKinney Kelley, born March 24, 1828, esteemed resident of West Milford, W. Va., who died at Buckhannon, W. Va., Easter day, March 27, 1910, leaving descendants, one of whom, A. P. Forman, is assistant cashier of the Union National Bank, Clarksburg, W. Va., with resources of \$7,000,000.

### Clerk Common Pleas Court

- (10) Benjamin Morris, born in Harrison County, then Virginia, Tuesday, October 19, between 12 and 1 o'clock in the morning, A. D., 1785, died in Clermont County, O., September 22, 1861. He was an able lawyer. He located in Tate Township, Clermont County, O., in 1804, where he died. Mr. Morris had removed from Harrison County, Va., to Clermont County, O., prior to 1800. He was elected recorder of Clermont County, in October, 1832, and served in that capacity until 1841, a period of nine years.

Mr. Morris was the first recorder elected to that office, the duties of which had previously been discharged by the appointive clerk of the Common Pleas Court. He was one of the trustees of Tate Township, Clermont County, in 1816, and again in 1818.

### Farmer and Stockman

- (11) Samuel Henton Morris, born in Harrison County, then Virginia, Friday, September 11, between 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning, A. D., 1789, was married in Harrison County, Va., to Sarah Shinn in 1812, daughter of Captain Samuel Shinn, a farmer of near Clarksburg, Harrison County, Va., and lived on Booth's Creek, then in Harrison County, Va., which later became a part of Marion County, Virginia, when that county was formed, from a part of Harrison and other counties, January 14, 1842.

### Gifted Public Speaker

Mr. Morris was a wheelwright and joiner and an extensive farmer and stockman by avocation, and an old-line Whig in political adherence; he was a gifted public speaker; he left descendants, among them, James Tingle Morris, born near Clarksburg, Harrison County, Va., June 25, 1814; died in Lincoln District, Marion County, West Virginia; county court justice; captain of militia and president of the board of education; in politics he was an old-line Whig until 1856, when he joined the Democratic party.

### Lorenzo Dow's Brother-in-Law

A Fourth of July celebration was held at Shinnston, Harrison County, then Virginia, in 1835. Among the speakers was Samuel Henton Morris, above named, whose subject was: "Henry Clay. Once the Favorite of the Democracy. Has he Left Democracy, or Has Democracy Left Him? Time Will Determine."—(From the Clarksburg Countryman, July 11, 1835, a periodical which was later merged with the Clarksburg Virginian, and ably edited by Dr. Benjamin Dolbeare, who was born in Connecticut, October 28, 1789, and died in Clarksburg, then in Virginia, June 7, 1854).

Martha Jane Dolbeare, his daughter, on February 1, 1855, became the third wife of Attorney Ebenezer Wilson Patton, (1822-1879), son of Col. Alexander Lewis Patton and Ruth Henton Smith Patton, the latter the author's great grandparents, of Harrison County, Va. Dr. Dolbeare's sister, Lucy Dolbeare, (1786-1863), on April 1, 1820, became the second wife of the Rev. Lorenzo Dow, born October 16, 1777, died February 2, 1834, the noted Methodist missionary, who travelled throughout the United States, Canada and abroad.

### Prosecuting Attorney of Tyler County

- (12) James Morris, born in Harrison County, Va., Friday, December 11, between 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning, A. D., 1790, was married September 13, 1814, to Miss Elizabeth Davis, daughter of Nathan Davis, Jr., his brother, the Rev. Joseph Morris, officiating. James Morris settled in Tyler County, then Virginia, where he was prosecuting attorney from January 1, 1846, to December 31, 1849. He later removed to Ritchie County, W. Va. He was widely known as an able lawyer and business man. He left descendants.

### Thousands of Descendants

Each of the twelve children born to the Rev. Isaac Morris (1740-1830) and Ruth Henton Morris (1750-1839), his wife, who were married in Pennsylvania April 11, 1766, was married and living at the time of their father's death in Harrison County, then Virginia, July 10, 1830. In 1830, there were 300 descendants. Their descendants, living and dead, numbered about 1,000 persons, in 1856; and in 1902, there were more than 4,000 descendants.

### Descendants Fill Posts of Trust

The descendants of the Rev. Isaac Morris (1740-1830) and Ruth Henton Morris (1750-1839), his wife, who were married in Pennsylvania, April 11, 1766, are very numerous and fill positions of trust and responsibility in practically every state in the Union. The Rev. Isaac Morris and Ruth Henton Morris and several of their children sleep peacefully in the soil of Harrison County, W. Va.

In 1637, the first representative of the name came from England and settled in Massachusetts from which numerous and honorable descendants sprang; and the head of that family bore the name of Thomas Morris. The ancestral family from whom the Rev. Isaac Morris (1740-1830), of this sketch, descended, was from Wales.

### Advocate of Human Liberty

Senator Thomas Morris (1776-1844), one of the twelve children born to the Rev. Isaac Morris (1740-1830) and Ruth Henton Morris (1750-1839), his wife, whose record is given in this historical narrative, in a letter to a friend under the date line of Washington, D. C., December 21, 1838, while a member of the federal Senate, among other things, said:

"I feel devoutly thankful to my Maker, and deeply grateful to my state, for the situation I occupy, where my humble name appears upon the highest records of my country, in opposition to slavery, and among the friends of the poor, trodden down, and broken-hearted slave. I have no wish to occupy any situation, in which all the powers of my mind may not be fully exercised in this high, and permit me to say, holy duty, always subject to the laws of the country in which I may be.

### Foresaw End of Slavery

"And when the hand of time shall point to the last hour of my existence; I trust that my fervent prayer may be, that the Almighty, in His good time, will deliver the Negro race, from that cruel slavery under which they are now groaning; and that the liberties and happiness of my country may be perpetual. That this will be accomplished in good time there can be but little doubt; and that an overruling Providence, will so order the affairs of our land, that this event may take place without disturbing the peace of our people, I trust is the ardent desire of every citizen, who is attached to the true principles upon which our government rests."

Brief extracts from letters written by Senator Morris under a Washington, D. C., date line, to his eldest son, follow:

### General Andrew Jackson

"November 30, 1833.—Yesterday spent most of the time in visiting the president and heads of departments, according to the etiquette of this city. I found the president (General Andrew Jackson, 1767-1845), a man less in stature than I expected. The constant crowd around him would not permit anyone to stay but a few minutes. I have taken a seat in the Senate next to Mr. Calhoun, between him and Mr. Mangum, (Willie Person Mangum, 1792-1861, South Carolina). You see I am in the midst of the nullifiers. Col. Benton (Col. Thomas Hart Benton, 1782-1858) is upon the same tier; as is Mr. Clay on the opposite side of the chamber; but though surrounded by these great men I trust I shall be able to think and act for myself."

### Martin Van Buren, Vice-President

"December 17, 1833.—Yesterday, Vice-President Van Buren (Martin Van Buren, 1782-1862) took his seat in the Senate. He is rather rapid



in the dispatch of business and will, I think, preside with dignity. He is a fine, erect man in his gait, and is, I should think, about 50 years old. With all the hue and cry against him, I have no doubt he will be the next president. There has been some speculation here, that Mr. Webster was about to leave Mr. Clay, and join the administration."

#### Dines with President Jackson

"January 1, 1834.—I have just returned from the president's levee. The house was so filled that it was irksome to be there; to the president it must be splendid misery. Such I thought was his situation the other day when I dined with him; his visitors, however, have the advantage, as they can leave as they please. It is only imagination that men here are greater than elsewhere."

The following poem gives a just description of Senator Thomas Morris's course and principles, on the great cause of human rights and freedom, and was written on the eve of his retirement from the Senate of the United States, March 3, 1839, by an unknown friend, and addressed to "Thomas Morris":

#### Senator Thomas Morris

"FREE Senator! accept the lay  
The unknown muse attunes for thee:  
Not for the valorous display  
Of martial feats and chivalry:  
Or for the blood-stained laurels won  
By knightly deeds of daring done.

Not for the palm of high renown,  
The price of blood, and chains and tears;  
Not for the talents vainly shown  
In windy war with thy compeers;  
But for a deed more nobly brave—  
The pleading for the outcast slave.

For this thy name shall live in song,  
If song of mine itself shall live;  
And living, bear the meed along  
Thy deeds have earned, and faithful give  
To future time thy moral worth,  
When cold thy ashes rest in earth.

And when thy proud compatriots lie  
Forgotten, 'neath the silent sod;  
And when their words and memory die,  
Scathed by the blighting curse of God—  
Thy deeds shall gain immortal fame,  
And men unborn revere thy name.

Ah! yes, the ransomed slave shall bless  
Thy name, when thou art laid at rest,  
And pointing to thy tomb express:  
'There lies in peaceful slumber blest,  
'The advocate of the oppressed,  
'Friend of the poor and the distressed.'

Intrepid Statesman! when the tongues  
Of Northern Senators were hushed,  
And despots triumphed o'er the wrongs  
Of minds debased and spirits crushed;  
When even Webster's spirit quailed,  
And firm John Quincy's ardor failed—

'Twas then thou rose to breast the storm,  
And throw thyself as in the breach—  
To raise the captive's bleeding form,  
And with undaunted manly speech,  
To show his wrongs—the sighs and tears  
That preyed upon his soul for years.

Thou spake, and on the oppressor flung  
The burden of thy strong rebuke,  
Who quite alarmed and conscience stung,  
With rage and consternation shook;  
And haughty Southrons, awe-struck hung  
Upon the thunders of thy tongue.

Firm and erect thou stood'st alone,  
And slavery's haughty champions met;  
Not the stern brow of fierce Calhoun,  
Nor Patton's gag, nor Preston's threat,  
Thy dauntless spirit could dismay—  
Thou fear'dest not the face of Clay.

Let fiery Rhett and Campbell roar,  
And woman's weak petition spurn—  
Let Waddy Thompson—slavery's slave—  
With fury rage and anger burn—  
Let Pinckney, Wise, and Atherton  
Reap all the fame their deeds have won.

But thou shalt gain immortal praise,  
Thy country's blessings rests on thee;  
The bondman freed his voice shall raise,  
And link thy name with Liberty:—  
For lo! thy monuments shall be  
Raised in the hearts of slaves made free."

#### John Greenleaf Whittier

The authorship of this splendid poem was at the time of its publication (March 3, 1839) attributed to John Greenleaf Whittier, born December 17, 1807, died September 7, 1892, America's "Quaker poet" of freedom, and the full name of each of the distinguished Americans whose surname is mentioned in the poem follows:

Senator Charles Gordon Atherton from New Hampshire (1804-1853); Senator Robert Barnwell Rhett from South Carolina (1806-1876); Congressman John Mercer Patton from Virginia (1796-1858); Congressman Waddy Thompson from South Carolina (1798-1868); Senator John Caldwell Calhoun from South Carolina (1782-1850); Senator William Campbell Preston from South Carolina (1794-1860); Congressman Henry Laurens Pinckney from South Carolina (1794-1868); Congressman Henry Alexander Wise from Virginia (1806-1876); Senator Daniel Webster from Massachusetts (1782-1852); Senator Henry Clay from Kentucky (1777-1852); Congressman John Campbell from South Carolina, who died May 19, 1845; and Senator John Quincy Adams from Massachusetts (1767-1848).

#### At the Patton Homestead

The author of this historical sketch is now (Sunday, June 24, 1928), occupying a point of vantage on a knoll commanding a full view of the two-room hewn log cabin nestling in a calm valley beside a swift flowing streamlet; this cabin was erected by the author's great grandfather Col. Alexander Lewis Patton, (1789-1866), in the early spring and summer of 1814, and was occupied by him and his youthful bride, Ruth Henton Smith Patton, (born in Clermont County, O., at the south side of Bethel, May 31, 1798), to whom he was married on the evening of July 19, 1814, in Clarksburg, Harrison County, then Virginia, but now West Virginia.

The cabin has a built-in porch and chimney, a kitchen attached and a sizeable garret in which the children (eleven in number) were "stored" as the family increased in size.

#### Col. Patton's Guests

Various members of the Morris and Smith families of Clermont and Brown Counties, O., visited Col. Patton and his wife, Ruth Henton Smith Patton, during their long occupancy of this cabin, which is still a habitable house, but unoccupied. These guests included federal Senator Thomas Morris (1776-1844), of Clermont County, O., who attended his father's (the Rev. Isaac Morris) funeral in Harrison County, then Virginia, July 10, 1830; and was present at the burial of his mother in Harrison County, Va., in 1839. He also visited at the Col. Patton home in Harrison County, Va., and with his brother, the Rev. Joseph Morris, and other relatives in Harrison County, Va., while enroute to and from Washington, D. C., during his term as federal senator (1833-1839).

In 1845, a two-story four-room plastered and weather-boarded frame house was constructed by Col. Patton adjoining the 1814 log cabin, with an outside massive cut-stone chimney which carries the date of its erection.

The Col. Patton homestead, near West Milford, in Harrison County, then Virginia, now West Virginia, was the mecca for many prominent men who visited this part of Western Virginia in the pioneer days. Col. Patton was universally esteemed as a royal host and was widely known as one who kept abreast of the times.

#### Century-Old Trees Flourish

A cedar tree which he planted is still standing near the cabin porch and living remnants of two apple trees tell the story of the once luxurious orchard. The choice walnut timber which Col. Patton preserved flourishes and decorates the broad acreage of his ownership. Stone walls constructed by him are intact.

#### West Milford and New Salem Turnpike, 1850

The West Milford and New Salem turnpike constructed immediately following March 7, 1850, is the main road leading from West Milford to the Col. Patton homestead, of which road his son, Ebenezer Wilson Patton, (1822-1879), the author's grandfather, was the official and supervising engineer.



Patton Cemetery Established, 1826

The Patton cemetery is located on the Col. Patton lands just over the first ridge from the house built in 1814 and on the summit of the second one. Here rests the earthly remains of Col. Alexander Lewis Patton and Ruth Henton Smith Patton, whose gravestones are well preserved and the inscriptions legible.

The Hon. John W. Patton

Fifty yards from the Col. Patton cabin are the ruins of the log cabin erected by the Hon. John W. Patton (1791-1858), a brother of Col. Alexander Lewis Patton, (1789-1866), who married March 20, 1832, Miss Emeline Link (1806-1855), but owing to change of plans it was never occupied by him. John W. Patton and wife were the parents of Maria Patton, born September 27, 1833, who died in Clarksburg, W. Va., September 2, 1912.

Miss Patton married February 19, 1855, in Clarksburg, Judge Charles S. Lewis, (1821-1878), son of Judge Charles Lewis, an eminent lawyer; Judge Charles S. Lewis was judge of the circuit court (1873-1878), then embracing the counties of Harrison, Taylor, Marion, Doddridge, Monongalia and Wetzel; member of Congress from Virginia December 4, 1854, to March 3, 1855; father of Emma Lewis, born June 19, 1856, who married in Clarksburg, W. Va., October 28, 1884, Col. T. Moore Jackson, (1852-1912), a relative of Return Jonathan Meigs, fourth governor of Ohio (1811-1814).

The Rev. Isaac Morris Cabin, 1812

The spacious one-story log cabin erected by the Rev. Isaac Morris (1740-1830), who married April 11, 1766, Miss Ruth Henton (1750-1839), is still standing and is owned and occupied by one of their descendants, namely: Joseph Bert Morris, born July 10, 1878, great grandson of Samuel Henton Morris, born September 11, 1789, the latter a son of the Rev. Isaac Morris and Ruth Henton Morris.

The cabin was built in 1812 and is now (1928) in a good state of preservation. The inside dimensions of the cabin are 18 feet by 19 feet, with a large open fireplace. In 1858 a two-story frame house was erected adjoining the "little old log cabin in the lane," and it, too, is well preserved.

Morris Lands in Possession of Descendants

The Morris cabin is located on the waters of Hoglick run, one and three-quarter miles from Eldora, Marion County, W. Va., which run is a small tributary of Booth's creek. It was in this cabin that the Rev. Isaac Morris lived and there died July 10, 1830; his widow, Ruth Henton Morris, resided there until her death in 1839, the property then passing to her grandson, James Tingle Morris, born June 25, 1814, and died there January 19, 1904, and through his son James Morris, born September 10, 1845, and died June, 1906, to the latter's son, Joseph Bert Morris, born July 10, 1878.

Close Harrison County Line

At the time of its occupancy by the Rev. Isaac Morris and Ruth Henton Morris, his wife, it was located in Harrison county, then Virginia. Upon the creation of Marion County, then Virginia, now West Virginia, on January 14, 1842, that part of Harrison County where the Morris cabin is located became a part of the newly formed Marion County. However, the old cabin is situated within three-quarters of a mile (airline) from the present Harrison County, W. Va., line.

"Good-Bye, Little Cabin"

The thought upon parting with the "little old log cabin in the lane," answering ambition's spell, is beautifully expressed in Robert W. Service's poem, "Good-Bye, Little Cabin," as follows:

O, dear little cabin, I've loved you so long,  
And now I must bid you good-bye!  
I've filled you with laughter, I've thrilled you with song,  
And sometimes I've wished I could cry.

Your walls they have witnessed a weariful fight,  
And rung to a won Waterloo:  
But, oh, in my triumph I'm dreary tonight—  
Good-bye, little cabin, to you!

Your roof is bewhiskered, your floor is a-slant,  
Your walls seem to sag and to swing;  
I'm trying to find just your faults, but I can't—  
You poor, tired, heart-broken old thing!  
I've seen when you've been the best friend that I had,  
Your light like a gem on the snow;  
You're sort of a part of me—Gee! but I'm sad;  
I hate, little cabin to go.

Below your cracked window red raspberries climb;  
A hornet's nest hangs from a beam;  
Your rafters are scribbled with adage and rhyme,  
And dimmed with tobacco and dream.  
"Each day has its laugh," and "Don't worry, just work."  
Such mottoes reproachfully shine.  
Old calendars dangle—what memories lurk  
About you, dear cabin of mine!

I hear the world call and the clang of the fight;  
I hear the hoarse cry of my kind;  
Yet well do I know, as I quit you tonight,  
It's Youth that I'm leaving behind.  
And often I'll think of you, empty and black,  
Moose antlers nailed over your door:  
Oh, if I should perish my ghost will come back  
To dwell in you, cabin, once more!

How cold, still and lonely, how weary you seem!  
A last wistful look and I'll go.  
Oh, will you remember the lad with his dream!  
The lad that you comforted so.  
The shadows enfold you, it's drawing to night;  
The evening star needles the sky:  
And hah! but it's stinging and stabbing my sight--  
God bless you, old cabin, good-bye!

The End of the Trail

This concludes a fond task, performed without stint of labor or money.

Few persons read Emerson, but nearly all unconsciously know the truth of one of his most profound statements:

"What you are speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say."

No studied words can add to or detract from the record of any living person named in this narrative, developed by diligent research covering a span of twenty-two years, the real purpose of which is to restore to greener memory revered names of other days.

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